

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 28, 2017

5:00 pm

Invocation was given by Reverend Daniel Moore.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Bill Hudson Commissioners – Eric Ikemire, Joe Judge  
Justin Dulgar, Rod Rodriguez

Also, Present: City Administrative Assistant Rudy Witsman, City Attorney Kelli Storckman,  
City Inspector Mike Gidcumb

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Hudson brought the city council meeting to order.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged Melissa Smith, who was seeking approval from the council to setup her "Free Lunch Wagon" at various locations in the city next summer. Ms. Smith stated the locations that were chosen were areas in the city that are primary locations with children in need of a free lunch. Ms. Smith further stated she is working with the Tri-State Food Bank on providing the food. The council advised Ms. Smith that she would need to contact the owners of the locations for their permission, except for the Lincoln Park location, which is owned by the city. Ms. Smith added donations may be made at Parkview Christian Church for the "Lunch Wagon".

Mayor Hudson asked residents for prayers for the Hurricane Harvey Victims in Texas.

Mayor Hudson thanked the police department and District #348 Superintendent Tim Boss for working out the plans on a very successful first two week of school.

Mayor Hudson thanked Sharon Harris, Rachel Smith and their committee on a great job with the Retail Merchants Committee's Solar Eclipse party at the amphitheater.

Mayor Hudson announced the street department has finished the chip and sealing of the designated streets.

Mayor Hudson stated he will be announcing the 2018 Bi-Centennial plans, which will be taking place in September 2018.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

#### **COMMISSIONER ERIC IKEMIRE – STREETS, CEMETERIES AND PARKS**

Commissioner Ikemire reported in the last two weeks the street department prepped for the chip and seal of the designated streets; continued mowing city properties; patched pot holes; cut down some dangerous trees located on city properties; leveled and set grave stones upright at Rose Hill Cemetery; opened and closed two graves at Rose Hill Cemetery; and mowed yard abatements.

#### **COMMISSIONER JOE JUDGE – FINANCE AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures – See attached agenda with financials.

Commissioner Judge reported the city is currently paying all its bills. Commissioner Judge stated the golf course has been doing very well with its budget this year and he complimented them on all their efforts.

#### **COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DULGAR – WATER AND SEWER**

Commissioner Dulgar reported the water department has been performing its standard operations. Commissioner Dulgar announced the Wabash Valley Regional Water Commission will meet tomorrow evening at 5:00 pm at the City of Albion. Commissioner Dulgar stated the engineering study has been completed and the details will be discussed on the regional water treatment facility.

Commissioner Dulgar stated the waste water plant washed down the primary clarifiers; investigated a possible water leak at the plant; and purchased a bob cat for the facility that had been budgeted for.

**COMMISSIONER ROD RODRIGUEZ – FIRE, HEALTH & SAFETY, GARBAGE, CITY HALL AND CIVIL DEFENSE**

Commissioner Rodriguez reported in the last two weeks the fire department had four runs.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated the mosquito spraying is still ongoing.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the Fall Fix-Up/ Clean-Up week will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Rodriguez acknowledged Fire Chief Francis Speth, who introduced Tyler Jefferson and asked council approval for the hiring of Tyler as a fulltime employee/fireman. Fire Chief Speth stated Tyler was recommended by the Police and Fire Commission to be hired as a fulltime fireman for the city. The mayor and council gave their approval and welcomed Tyler to the fire department.

**CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – RUDY WITSMAN**

City Administrative Assistant Witsman announced the city dump/brush harbor will be closed Saturday and Monday for the Labor Day Holiday, however both will be opened on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrative Assistant Witsman presented Resolution 634, the Federal Surplus Property Program to the council for their approval. City Administrative Assistant Witsman stated this program will allow the city to accept at no cost or purchase at a minimal price various types of surplus equipment from the federal or state government.

**CITY ATTORNEY – KELLI STORCKMAN**

City Attorney Kelli Storckman no report.

**CITY INSPECTOR – MIKE GIDCUMB**

City Inspector Gidcumb reported an individual is in the legal process of acquiring the property located at South Mulberry, which is one of the “run-down” properties the council had acted on at the last meeting.

**BUSINESS MOTIONS**

Commissioner Judge motioned and Commissioner Dulgar seconded to approve Resolution 634 – Federal Surplus Property Program. All present voted Aye by roll call vote.

Mayor Hudson and the Council approved the Consent Agenda, as amended in the agenda dated August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The consent agenda contains the second reading of Ordinance 1079 – the “No Parking” on the South Side of Third Street from Pear to Plum; the Cell Tower Contract Extension – Railroad Street; approval of the minutes for the council meeting held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the approval of paying all bills bearing the proper signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk